

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE INTENT TO REISSUE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT NOS. WI-S067849-5 AND WI-S067857-5

Permittee: The WPDES general permits proposed for reissuance apply to a number of dischargers throughout Wisconsin.

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: The WPDES general permits proposed for reissuance apply to a variety of facilities throughout Wisconsin.

Receiving Water and Location: The WPDES general permits proposed for reissuance apply to storm water discharges to waters of the state throughout Wisconsin.

WEPA Compliance Determination under s. NR 150.35(2), Wis. Adm. Code: The Department has determined that the reissuance of the general permits is a prior compliance action under s. NR 150.20(3)(a)8., Wis. Adm. Code.

Brief Summary of the Proposed General Permits: Under s. 283.35, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (Department) may issue WPDES general permits for groups of facilities with similar discharge characteristics when no special circumstances warrant individual, site-specific permits. These proposed general permits are intended to eliminate significant environmental impacts of storm water discharges. The general permit program minimizes paperwork for the permittee as well as the Department. However, if the Department determines it is necessary or appropriate to withhold or withdraw a facility from coverage under a general permit, it may do so.

Storm water discharges to waters of the state from certain industrial activities in the categories listed below may be covered by the corresponding general permits. These proposed general permits contain requirements specified under ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code. Chapter NR 216 states how storm water from industrial operations can be discharged so that waters of the state will be protected. These proposed general permits will apply to discharges to waters of the state throughout the state. The general permits proposed for reissuance are as follows:

1. Tier 1 Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (WI-S067849-5) - The Tier 1 general permit covers the industrial activity listed in s. NR 216.21(2)(a), Wis. Adm. Code, including a variety of "heavy" type industries and bulk storage facilities. This permit requires regulated Tier 1 industrial facilities to identify and eliminate unpermitted non-storm water discharges from storm water outfalls; develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan that emphasizes "source area" controls, which are designed to prevent storm water from becoming contaminated; implement the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and conduct visual site inspections to assure that the plan is working; visually monitor storm water outfalls for the presence of contaminants during rainfall or runoff events; perform chemical monitoring for pollutants expected to remain in significant quantities in storm water following implementation of "source area" controls; and keep progress and monitoring results current and available for inspection by the Department.

2. Tier 2 Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (WI-S067857-5) - The Tier 2 general permit covers the industrial activity listed in s. NR 216.21(2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, including a variety of "light" industries, certain transportation facilities, mining operations, steam electric generating facilities, cement product manufacturers, and asphalt paving mix facilities. This permit requires regulated Tier 2 industrial facilities to identify and eliminate unpermitted non-storm water discharges from storm water outfalls; develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan that emphasizes "source area" controls, which are designed to prevent storm water from becoming contaminated; implement the Storm Water Pollution

Prevention Plan and conduct visual site inspections to assure that the plan is working; visually monitor storm water outfalls for the presence of contaminants during rainfall or runoff events; and keep progress and monitoring results current and available for inspection by the Department.

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The Department has tentatively decided that the WPDES general permits described above should be reissued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed general permits, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the general permits. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the general permits are reissued.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed general permit(s) of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft general permits and fact sheet, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above-named permit drafter's e-mail address during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Note that Department staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. Permit information is also available on the DNR's website at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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